

## Maynard Cultural Council Minutes

December 11, 2014, 7:00 pm

Maynard Town Building, Lower Level Conference Room

Present: Joyce Dwyer, Gail Erwin, Erik Hansen , Tim Hess & Reya Stevens  
Absent: Ron Labbe  
Guest: Heather Western

Interim-Chairperson, Reya Stevens, opened the meeting at 7:03 pm.

The Maynard Historical Society's reimbursement for the Maynard Library "Maynard Then and Now" exhibit did not use the extra \$95.52 for their project of the "Maynard Then and Now" photographic project we had awarded them in their reimbursement paperwork financial accounting. We need to decide what to do with that extra money as it needs to be granted out.

Joyce showed the members present paperwork from Elizabeth Milligan from the Town's Assistant Accountant on our current fiscal status with the town. Joyce Dwyer will meet with him to get clarification on what these report totals mean.

Our granting deliberations started from where it ended at our November meeting. We had 5 applications with the highest ratings from our Commission members. So we reviewed them, worked with the calculator and our total granting amount to decide which applications to fund, which to fund partially and which to deny funding, working with our guidelines. We talked about which applications seemed more Maynard focused or served Maynard citizens, families and children even if they were somewhat outside our town borders.

Our decisions are:

### Accepted applications for grants:

Applicant	No.	Amount Granted
1. Wirth/Cotter	1.	\$800
2. Discovery Museum, Acton	3.	\$250
3. Maynard Library Concert in the Park	6.	\$500
4. Maynard Band Concerts in the Park	8.	\$970
5. Catherine Evans	13.	\$550
6. Christie White/Green Meadow School	14.	\$500
7. Women of Note Barbershop Concert	16.	\$400
8. OARS	18.	<u>\$300</u>
Total Granted		\$4,395

Rejected applications for grants:

9. Contemporary Arts Int'l.	2.
10. Stephen Lewis	4.
11. Acton Community Chorus	5.
12. Henry Lappen	7.
13. Sunanda Sahay	9.
14. Fitchburg Art Museum	10.
15. Umbrella Community Arts Center	11.
16. Robert Creeley Foundation	12.
17. Fruitlands Museum	15.
18. John Root	17.
19. Ruth Horcovitz	19.

*NOTE: Please be confidential and not share the winners and rejections until the official letters go out Dec. 30 (rejected applications) and Jan. 15 (granted applications).*

After that work was completed, we discussed how Andrew Scribner-McLean, Assistant Town Manager's call for town citizens who are willing and interested in serving on the Cultural District Steering Committee he is forming to decide how Maynard's Cultural District, when approved, would be. It was thought someone from our Cultural Council should be on this committee.

We, the Cultural Council, want to be a Partner to the Cultural District, so Joyce Dwyer wrote up a draft Partner form for Gail Erwin to review. There are about 10 lines to fill in so it's fairly short to complete. Tim Hess, as the Principal of an architectural firm in Maynard, Insitu, within the proposed borders of the new Cultural District, also wanted his company to be a Partner, so he filled out the Partner form too. ArtSpace Downtown, a new co-op gallery downtown (and affiliated with ArtSpace—Maynard, and having Gail Erwin, Erik Hansen and Joyce Dwyer of the Cultural Council as part of that new business) also will be a Partner. Gail Erwin will complete this Partner form, as Director of ArtSpace Downtown gallery. We plan to see if both Powell Flutes and Miss Tricia's Dance Studio are amenable to join as Partners. This increase in Partners is good for us and the Maynard Board of Selectmen as it tells the Mass. Cultural Council of definite interest in the Cultural District in Maynard. It's the Board of Selectmen's project and the Maynard Cultural Council is working with them on the process and the paperwork.

We opened up discussion regarding our current lack of a Chair or Co-Chair and a Treasurer. Tim Hess agreed to do the Chair position. He invited Heather Western to be Co-Chair with him after she is officially a member of our Cultural Council, which is likely to happen at the January 6<sup>th</sup> Board of Selectmen meeting, per Becky Mosca, the BOS Administrative Assistant. Gail Erwin has agreed to take on the Treasurer job. We'll officially vote on these at our January meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Some new ideas were floated, like ways we, as a Cultural Council, can get more money to work with or to grant.

As a reminder to ourselves, our Annual Report to the Mass. Cultural Council, which is completed on-line, is due January 15<sup>th</sup>. Reya had agreed to do this one as Interim Chair, then our new Co-Chairs will be responsible for it from then on.

Joyce Dwyer needs to contact Diane Donovan about checking on our meeting room reservations for the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, starting in January, for the 2015 year, to ensure we have an accessible meeting room.

Here is a current list of our Partners in the Cultural District:

- Artspace—Maynard, inc.
- ArtSpace Downtown
- Assabet Chamber of Commerce
- Assabet Village Food Co-op
- Clock Tower Place
- Fine Arts Theatre Place
- Friends of the Maynard Library
- Gallery 7
- Insitu Architectural Firm
- LOOK Optical
- Maynard Community Chest
- Maynard Community Gardeners
- Maynard Conservation Commission (Carbone Park)
- Maynard Farm Market
- Revitalize Maynard
- Sip & Stroll
- Spring Artwalk

Besides partners (the list above), there are also supporting partners:

- Maynard School System
- Many restaurants

Our meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Joyce Dwyer*

Secretary, Maynard Cultural Council

Proposed 2015 meeting dates of the Maynard Cultural Council:

Jan. 22 (4<sup>th</sup> Thur. of the month)

Feb. 26

Mar. 26

Apr. 23

May 28

June 25

July 23

Aug. 27

Sept. 24

Oct. 22

Nov. 26 (Thanksgiving—go 1 wk. earlier or later)

Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve—go earlier)